

Notices & Community News

Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church meeting dates:

Albury – Sunday 3 May at 10:45 am

Much Hadham – Thursday 7 May at 7:45 pm for 8 pm

Afternoon Tea:

First Sunday Monthly, 3-5pm Albury Village Hall.

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group:

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-11:30 am, Much Hadham Village Hall.

In Loving Memory: email the office to include a loved one in their anniversary month.

Baptism: Contact us to arrange a date.

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Albury Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 20-36-98

Account number: 00106887

Little Hadham Parochial Church Council

Sort code: 20-36-98

Account number: 80588806



Much Hadham Parochial Church Council

(Registered Charity No. 1152748)

Sort code: 20-36-98

Account number: 20000078



Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 26 April 2026

Easter 4

St Andrew's Much Hadham

**The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham
& Much Hadham**

We Are Living God's Love

Today's Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Tayo Wale Falope



There is a hearing loop system in place

Our Next Services

Sunday 3 May 2026, 9:15 am – Easter 5

Benefice Holy Communion

St Mary's Albury

5-5:30 pm

Benefice Evening Worship – Said Eucharist

St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 10 May, 9:15 am Easter 6

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

6 pm

Rogation Walk

From The Ford, Much Hadham

Thursday 14 May, 7:30 pm Ascension Day

Benefice Holy Communion

St Andrew's, Much Hadham

Sunday 17 May, 9:15 am Easter 7

Benefice Holy Communion

St Cecilia's, Little Hadham

We hold before God:

David Stroud

Joanne Luxford

John Elton-Barratt

And the bereaved families of:

Sue Knight

Peter Izzard

Myles Stephens

Stuart Siggers

Gillian Clinch

Maggie Smith

In loving memory (April):

Sindara T Wale-Falope

9 April

Anthony Dillon

25 April

We remember with love those who are no longer with us.

Welcome!

*If you are visiting today, you are very welcome.
Please join us for refreshments after the service.*

Today's Hymns

Opening: A&M766 Praise My Soul The King ...

Gradual: A&M798 The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare

Offertory: A&M794 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Closing: A&M739 Now Thank We All Our God

The Collect (said together)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Benefice Prayer (said together)

Almighty God, who calls us with Andrew to come and see your Son: give us hearts like Mary to magnify the Lord, faith like Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God," and joy like Cecilia to sing to you a new song; that our churches of St Andrew, St Mary, St Thomas and St Cecilia may proclaim your love and faithfully serve our communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 23

We sing A&M 799 – "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Acts 2.42-end

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 10.1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate

is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon Hymn: God Is With Us (Tune Austria)

- 1) God is with us, God is with us,
So our brave forefathers sang,
Far across the field of battle
Loud their holy war cry rang;
Though at times they feared and faltered,
Never once they ceased to sing:
God is with us, God is with us,
Christ our Lord shall reign as King!
- 2) Great the heritage they left us,
Great the conquests to be won,
Armèd hosts to meet and scatter,
Larger duties to be done.
Raise the song they nobly taught us,
Round the wide world let it ring:
God is with us, God is with us,
Christ our Lord shall reign as King!
- 3) Speed the cross through all the nations,
Speed the victories of love,
Preach the Gospel of redemption
Wheresoever men may move;
Make the future in the present,
Strong of heart, toil on and sing:
God is with us, God is with us,
Christ our Lord shall reign as King!